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Title: Regarding completion of NEET counselling for PG admission.

SHRI M. K. RAGHAVAN (KOZHIKODE): Sir, I wish to raise an urgent issue which is affecting the entire people of Kerala. The problem arose due to continuous strike of PG doctors for the last 14 days. Due to this strike, the functioning of outpatient unit in majority of hospitals in Kerala has come to a standstill. This issue has its roots in the delayed PG counselling for NEET candidates by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India. This has caused enormous delay in the appointment of Junior Resident Doctors in the Government hospitals by the Government of Kerala.

All the doctors have to face the burden of working for long hours with enormous amount of stress and strain. The entire EWS reservation policy for NEET is being examined by the hon. Supreme Court. The delay in resolving this issue by the Government of India is further aggravating the pain faced by the NEET candidates. This is the reason for delay in appointment of Junior Resident Doctors by the Kerala Government. The Kerala Government has issued an order to appoint Junior Doctors, but this appointment falls much short of the numbers that are required. It has further escalated the crisis.

Most of the States in India are providing large stipends, but the Kerala Government is reluctant to even reinstate the stipend.

My humble submission before the hon. Health Minister is to urgently intervene and do the needful to resolve this crisis with complete NEET counselling for PG admission at a quicker pace. Thank you.

